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For Fixed Deposits:

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. "

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Hongkong, August 16, 1878.

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(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES of Interest allowed on Deposits.

At 3 months' notice 3% per Annum.

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Hongkong, July 1, 1878. t.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £800,000. RESERVE FUND, £160,000.

Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

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THE BANK'S BRANCH in HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange; and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

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Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

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For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.

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Besides conducting general Exchange Business, the Bank discounts local bills, payable in Hongkong, and makes advances on approved Banking Securities.

Present Rate of Discount

for approved short eight acceptance, 5% per annum.

Rates for Advances, according to terms required, may be ascertained on application.

H. H. NELSON,

Manager.

Hongkong, August 3, 1878.

## For Sale.

### RECENTLY ARRIVED.

#### FOR SALE.

##### TEYSSEURNEAU'S FINE FRENCH STRAWBERRIES.

##### TEYSSEURNEAU'S ASSORTED FRUITS.

##### FRENCH JAMS AND JELLIES.

##### MACASSAR RED FISH.

##### Very Fine "O. K." BOURBON WHISKY.

##### FINEST CHERBOURG BUTTER, IN BOTTLES OF ONE POUND.

##### BUSCK & CO.'S SELECTED DANISH BUTTER, Season 1878, in Tins of 1 lb., 2 lbs., and 4 lbs.

##### ENGLISH AND AMERICAN HOUSE-HOLD STORES.

##### EXTRA FINE CHICAGO BACON and HAMS.

##### MACKEREL and SALMON BELLYES, in Kits.

##### COD FISH, &c., &c.

##### HOTH'S BEST RUSSIAN ROPE, and FINE LINES, Assorted Sizes.

##### FROST BRO'S BEST ENGLISH WHITE LINES.

##### HENRY'S BEST GOVERNMENT NAVY CANVAS, Assorted Numbers.

##### INDIA RUBBER SHEET PACKING and INSERTION, all Sizes.

##### TUCK'S PATENT PACKING.

##### INDIA RUBBER SUCTION and DELIVERY HOSE.

##### CANVAS HOSE and LEATHER BELTING.

##### AMERICAN ASH BOAT-OARS.

##### ADMIRALTY TESTED CHAIN CABLES, and RIGGING CHAIN.

##### ANCHORS, from 25 lbs. up to 18 cwt. Each.

##### PERFORATED ZINC SHEETS.

##### TINMAN'S and PLUMBER'S SOLDER.

##### LEAD PIPE, and SHEET LEAD.

##### FAIRBAK'S PLATFORM SCALES, from 400 lbs. to 2,500 lbs.

##### MASSEY'S PATENT LOGS.

##### FLOUR SIEVES.

##### INDIA RUBBER KNEE and HIP BOOTS, &c., &c.

##### LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.

##### Hongkong, August 21, 1878.

## FOR SALE.

### AN INVOICE OF

### HUNGARIAN WINES, VIZ.—

### Villanyer, ... in Cases of 1 Dozen.

### Ofner Adelsberg, ... "

### Ruster Ausbruch, ... "

### Apply to RÄDECKER & CO.

### Hongkong, August 17, 1878. au31

## FOR SALE.

### Ex "Elizabeth Childs"

### THE GENUINE APOLLINARIS WATER:

### In Cases of 50 large Stone Bottles, 89 per Case.

### In Cases of 50 small Stone Bottles, 86 per Case.

### Ex Steamship "Asia."

### TIVOLI BEER:

### In Cases of 8 dozen White Pint Bottles, \$15 per Case.

### WIELER & CO.

### Hongkong, August 6, 1878. au36

## FOR SALE.

### TWO AMERICAN and One ENGLISH Second-hand BILLIARD TABLES, with BALLS, CUES, LAMPS, &c., Complete.

### Apply to D. NOWROOZEE,

### Hongkong Hotel.

### Hongkong, July 11, 1878. tt.

## FOR SALE.

### COKE and TAR in Quantities to suit Purchasers, at CHEAP RATES.

### Apply to GAS COMPANY,

### West Point.

### Hongkong, June 18, 1878. sc18

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

### THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

### ON

### TUESDAY,

### the 27th Aug., 1878, at 2 o'clock p.m.,

### at No. 12, Hollywood Road,—

### The whole of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising:—

### American-made Walnut Drawing-room Suite, covered in Blue and Grey Rep;

### Crimson Velvet-covered Embroidered Folding Chair.

### Oil Paintings, Engravings, Chromes,

### Chimney Glasses, Bronzes and Ornaments,

### Brussels Carpets and Hearthrugs,

### Bronze Casaliers and Gas Brackets,

### American-made Walnut Dining-room Suite, covered in Green Morocco; Carved Wood, with Plate Glass Back.

### American-made Walnut Extension Dining Table and Wharntons,</h3

## Notices to Consignees.

BRITISH BARK DARTMOUTH,  
FROM LONDON.

THE above-named Vessel having arrived, Consigned of Cargo by her are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, August 7, 1878.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. CITY OF PEKING, from San Francisco and Yokohama, are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Owners' risk and expense.

RUSSELL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, August 17, 1878.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per German Bark MANILA II., GÖTTNER, Master, from HAMBURG, are requested to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside the Vessel.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by Wm. PUSTAU & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, August 5, 1878.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. IRAOUADDY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship "INDUS," from London, in conjunction with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless Intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-morrow, the 18th Inst., at 11 a.m., requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after SATURDAY, the 26th instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. du POUET,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, August 17, 1878.

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COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. du POUET,  
Agent.  
Ex "Amazon."

TH. 1644, Mr. L. Thévenin, { from  
" 1 case Ink, { Marseilles.

Ex "Pet Ho."

B No. 419/21 Order, 15 Cases { from  
Wine, { Marseilles.  
Hongkong, July 27, 1878.

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For Sale.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THIS REFINERY MANUFACTURES

LOAF SUGAR, (in 5, 10, and 15 lbs.  
Loaves.)

CUT LOAF SUGAR.

CUBE SUGAR (Lyle's Patent).

CRYSTALLIZED SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 4 III\*.

FINE WHITE SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 4 III\*.

MEDIUM WHITE SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 4 II\*.

FINE YELLOW SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 4 II.

COFFEE SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 5 I.

GOLDEN SYRUP, SYRUP, and

MOLASSES.

SPRITS OF WINE and LAMP SPIRIT,

RUM, 40°, 80°, O. P. and Naval.

ANIMAL CHARCOAL and DUST.

AMMONIACAL LIQUOR, from Bone.

BONE TAR (a preventive of white ants).

ROUGH BONE TALLOW.

Packed in Quantities and Packages to suit Customers.

Particulars and Prices on application to

THE MANAGER,

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LIMITED,

East Point,

Hongkong.

March 8, 1878.

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NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONSE DIALECT, Parts I. and II., A to M, with Introduction, Royal 8vo, pp. 404.—By ERNST JOHN EITZ, Ph.D. Tübingen.

Price, FIVE DOLLARS, or TWO DOLLARS AND A HALF per Part.

To be had from Messrs. LANE, CRAVEN & CO., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs. KENNEDY & WATSON, Shanghai.

Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use

of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now

ready at this Office.—Price, 61 each.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

## Intimations.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1877.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December last, in order that the proportion of the Net Profits to be reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st October next will be adjusted by the Company, and no claims or alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JAS. R. COUGHTRIE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

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CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1877.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Office are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contribution for the Year ending 31st December, 1877, in order that the distribution of the Profits to be reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st August next, will be adjusted by the Office, and no claims or alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JAROINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Agents.

Hongkong, July 12, 1878.

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HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

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NO. 158. GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE Following NOTICE to MARINERS is published for general Information. By Command,

J. M. PRICE,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Hongkong, 10th August, 1878.

The following Magnetic bearings are from

Fung Head..... N. 16° W.

South end of Basalt Island, N. 87° W.

East Ninepin Rock and S. 55° W.

Ninepin in line, N. 25° W.

North-east Head Tamkau, S. 25° W.

This patch, about 40 feet long by 30 feet broad, extends in a North-east direction with 8 fathoms of water on it at low water

springs and 15 fathoms close to.

J. DIXON,  
Staff Commander, R.N.

H. M. S. Victor Emanuel,

Hongkong, 7th August, 1878.

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

SALE OF THE OPIUM FARM.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TENDERS for the PRIVILEGE OF PREPARING and SELLING PREPARED OPIUM within the Colony for the Term of One, Two, or Three Years from the 1st of March, 1879, under the Provisions of Ordinance No. 2 of 1858 will be Received at this Office until Noon on MONDAY, the 23rd September, 1878.

Each Tender should specify the Monthly Payment offered for the period above-mentioned.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any Tender.

Should the highest Tender be less than the sum the Governor thinks a fair price for the Opium Farm His Excellency in Council will grant Licences direct under Section 5 of the Ordinance, and take such further steps as may be necessary to realize a fair price.

By Command,

J. M. PRICE,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Hongkong, August 21, 1878.

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Net Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crews of the following Vessel, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

Fontrière, British ship, Capt. G. B. Taylor.—Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.

Battle Bazaar, British ship, Captain J. Ferguson.—Meyer & Co.

Hawthorne, British barque, Captain C. Head.—Weier & Co.

Arabia, British ship, Captain B. A. J. Hlaenföth.—F. & O. S. N. Co.

Glamorganshire, British ship, Captain W. H. Bache.—Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.

Centaur, American ship, Captain J. M. Pearce.—Butterfield & Swire.

Baldwin, British barque, Captain Robert Hinckley.—Hansen & Co.

Five Dollars, or Two Dollars and a Half per Part.

To be had from Messrs. LANE, CRAVEN & CO., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs. KENNEDY & WATSON, Shanghai.

Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

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CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

## Notices of Firms.

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. EDWARD CUNNINGHAM in our Firm in Hongkong and China, ceased on the 31st December last.

RUSSELL & Co.  
China, March 8, 1878.

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## NOTICE.

THE Undersigned begs to notify that the MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA of Tokio, Japan, has opened a Branch in this Port, and the Undersigned has appointed their Agent in Hongkong.

HEROMICH-SHUGIO.

Office No. 4 C, Club Chambers,

Hongkong, August 19, 1878.

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## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the late Mr. J. J. dos REMEDIOS in our Firm Ceased on the 31st July, 1878.

Mr. AGOSTINHO GUIL

## THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,

Established A.D. 1841.

香港大藥房

A. S. WATSON &amp; Co.

FAMILY &amp; DISPENSING CHEMISTS,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS,

IMPORTERS

OF

DRUGGISTS' SUPPLIES, NURSERY REQUIRE-

MENTS, TOILET REQUISITES, ENGLISH,

AMERICAN, AND FRENCH PATENT

MEDICINES.

MANUFACTURERS

OF

Soda Water, Lemonade, Tonic Water,

Gingerade, Potash Water, Sarsaparilla

Water, and other Aerated Waters,

The Manufactory is under direct and

continuous European Supervision.

Hongkong, June 1, 1878.

The publication of this issue commenced

at 7.30 p.m.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 1878.

The backslidings of Chinese mandarins, high and low, are so notoriously grievous and frequent that the acts of these official Shylocks are now almost beyond the pale of criticism or censure. Nevertheless a case of official rapacity is just reported from Tientsin which cannot be permitted to pass unnoticed. A correspondent of our morning contemporary at Shanghai writing from Tientsin under date of the 5th instant states that a Mr. Budd, one of the volunteer workers in the distribution of relief to the famine-stricken people in the North, had just returned to Tientsin without having completed the distribution of the money with which he had been entrusted. He had found that the Chinese officials who were appointed to assist him, of whom a Mr. Shu and a Mr. Shiao were the principal individuals, were compelling the people to return one fifth of the cash given them. The former of these two rascals ranks, it is said, as a district magistrate. A number of persons had even been severely beaten to compel them to return the money, and to enforce silence on their part. On establishing these facts beyond a doubt by investigation, Mr. Budd declined to act any longer with these officials and returned to Tientsin, where he placed the matter before Her Majesty's Consul, Mr. Forrest, who in return made representations on the subject to Li Hung Chang.

This "squeezing" of poor starving wretches by Messrs. Shu and Shiao is, we fear, but significant of the way in which a large portion of the work of relief entrusted to native officials is being executed. Writing from the same port on the 12th April, a correspondent referred to the grievous complaints made of official peculation in connection with the grain forwarded into the famine-stricken districts, not more than one-third of the amount actually sent, it was said, ever reaching those for whom it was intended. The same matter has also formed the subject of several memorials and decrees published in the *Peking Gazette* since the organisation of measures of relief by the Chinese Government. In October of last year, for instance, a memorial appeared in the *Gazette* from one of the Peking officials stating that "manifest abuses were prevalent, such as the fabrication of fictitious lists of sufferers, the receipt of grants under false pretences, the production of lists in which the same individuals were made to figure over and over again, and the extraction of money payments for the entry of names." These memorials and complaints show pretty clearly that the ill wind of the famine has blown a very considerable amount of good, or rather profit, to some of the Chinese officials, if it has caused an incalculable amount of misery and suffering to the people. The wonder is that with an administration composed perhaps mainly of officials of this stamp, the vast Empire of China has stuck together as well as it has done. The fault is not possibly so much that of the officials themselves, as that of the system under which they are appointed, and under which it must be well-nigh beyond the power of a mandarin to preserve his integrity, and at the same time live comfortably and maintain his dignity. There will have to be a mighty remodelling of the administrative system of China, from the offices of the red-button mandarins down to those of their gold-button conferrers, before China can hope to attain to the high position among nations that her population, territory, and buried wealth entitle her to hold.

It is satisfactory to know there is a prospect of these two Shylocks meeting with the punishment they deserve, for Li Hung-chang, who has busied himself most earnestly in forwarding relief to the sufferers, is not likely to overlook their offences. Accompanied by Sheu Taotai Mr. Budd has again set out for the scene of his operations, and it is quite possible that summary justice will be dealt out to Messrs. Shu and Shiao by way of example. While on the subject of the famine we may note that this has latterly fallen in abundance in the North, and that the prospects of good crops, and a cessation of the distress, are encouraging. What the loss of life by the recent famine is will never probably be even approximately ascertained. Now, however, we know that the mortality caused by the Indian famine was about 1,350,000, some idea can be formed of the vast loss

of life that must have taken place among the masses of suffering people away in the almost unknown and inaccessible regions of Shensi, Honan, Chihli and Shantung.

## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL".]

(Per E. E. A. &amp; C. Telegraph Co.'s Line.)

LONDON, 21st August, 1878.

Captain Sir George Nares has been appointed to the command of R. M. S. *Alice* in a scientific Cruise to the South Pacific.

The Lays have refused to surrender Batoum.

The Porte insists decisively upon the unreserved execution of the Treaty.

For the last paragraph of the Political Telegram issued to-day and dated London, 21st August, read—

The British and French Ambassadors at Constantinople have urged the Porte to insist decisively upon the unreserved execution of the Treaty.

[Corrected through a repetition of two words.]

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

It will be noticed with pleasure that Miss Eliza May has rejoined the Opera Company at present in Hongkong, and will appear as the Grand Duchess in a repetition of the "Grand Duchess of Gerolstein" announced for to-morrow night. The Company ought now to do well, and be able to fulfil the expectations originally formed of them.

Inquests were opened this afternoon at the Government Civil Hospital, before the Coroner (C. V. Creagh, Esq.), on the bodies of a Chinaman named Hi Ayow, who was accidentally drowned at the Cosmopolitan Dock, and Sardine, a Malay-quarter-master on board the S. S. *Abby*. The following gentlemen comprised the jury:—Messrs. A. E. Cope, J. H. Cox, and A. A. Cordeiro. After hearing evidence as to the identity of the bodies, the enquiry was adjourned until to-morrow.

At the Marine Court to-day Antonio Joseph, George Suanson, Daniel Read, William Furges, and Christian Williams, seamen British ship *Mary Fraser*, were charged with refusing to return on board their vessel after they had come on shore at their own request to see the Harbour Master. The 1st defendant denied that he refused to go on board, he was willing to do so but said he wanted his discharge; the others, still persisting in their refusal, were sent to three months' hard labour each at order of the Captain.

FUN ASHES, a coolie, was sentenced to day to 21 days' hard labour for being found in unlawful possession of a spar. On entering the gaol he was asked to give up all the property he had about him. He pretended to have done so, and when stripped his queue was found to be inflated, and a piece of prepared opium was found concealed inside the plait. Mr. Mulgrave, turnkey of the gaol, said that defendant had been in prison before, and therefore knew that he was committing a breach of the regulations. Defendant, with the usual astuteness of his race, said in defence, that he had forgotten that he had put the opium in his queue; he always kept his opium there for convenience sake. Mr. May fined him \$5 or 14 days' further imprisonment, for not having a more retentive memory.

The Overland *China Mail*, for to-morrow's English Mail, contains:—Editorial Article, Public and Private Gambling, Civil Marriages, The Western Route, Another Rail-way in China, The Vicars and the Law, Emigration from Japan, Chinese in Cuba, Nipped in the Bud,—A Shipping Case, Current Topics, Chinese Notes, The Wan-chai Murder, The Loss of the German barque *Emma*, The Wreck of the *Hawkins*—What a Boat's Crew Experienced, The Straits, List of Canton Plants, Meetings, Correspondence, Marine Insurance, Chinese Coinage Difficulties, Alleged Threatening Aspect of Affairs in Japan, Manila, Police Intelligence, Supreme Court, Macao, Canton, Freights, Latest Reuter's Telegrams, Miscellaneous, Commercial Summary, and Shipping Intelligence.

The Presentation Cup for the 28th Regiment, which we mentioned last night as being on view at Sun Shing's shop, 64 Queen's Road Central, is a very handsome piece of plate. It stands about 2 ft. 6 inches high and is in the form of a punch bowl. The bowl rests on the hind legs of three animals remarkable for their ugliness, an ugliness which being very Chinese in its character is therefore unique. The handles of the bowl are formed of two dragons and the top of the bowl is surmounted by a bird with outstretched wings having a serpent in its mouth. The bird, we may suppose, is emblematical of the gallant 28th having flown away from our midst. The Cup is made of silver to

the donors and its designer. It is valued at \$500.

On the nights of Monday and Wednesday last an attack by an armed gang of thieves was anticipated at Sanda Slip Belcher's Bay; the Police having received timely warning took every possible precaution to prevent a surprise. It appears so far as we can learn that Mr. Cooke, the superintendent, had a large sum of money in his house, and this fact had got abroad. Whether or not the fears of an attack were well founded is likely to remain a mystery, as none was attempted. However that may be, too much praise cannot be afforded the police on this occasion for the very complete precautions they took to catch any one daring enough to have attempted it.

A party of Europeans had assembled at Mr. Cooke's house, armed police were posted along the sides of the hill in the neighbourhood, the Government Steam-launch with police boat in tow was stationed under Green Island, signals having been previously agreed upon which should direct those on shore or vice versa what to do.

The attack it appears was expected to be made by boat. All these preparations, however, turned out to be only a prevention, not a cure. It is a pity, that the expected rogues, whom rumour said would number over thirty men, did not turn up, as if they had put in an appearance they would have received such a warm reception that they would have had reason to remember for many a long day. Two of the Dock watchmen, mistaking some waving bushes to be approaching bands of robbers fired into them, but fortunately only lopped off a few twigs. The police on the hill sides might, however, have fared badly by the excessive watchfulness of these watchers.

## Police Intelligence.

(Before the Hon. C. May.)

23rd August, 1878.

SUSPICIOUS.

Cheng Aping, a servant, unemployed, who was charged yesterday with being found in the house of Mr. Travers, Bank Buildings, under suspicious circumstances, was to-day discharged by Mr. May, as a man came forward who substantiated part of his story.

DEBTORSHIP.

William Bratt, seaman British ship *Fortescue*, was fined 50 cents for the above offence.

John Collans, seaman unemployed, was charged with being drunk and incapable. Having been two or three times charged with a similar offence, and being at present in receipt of relief from the gaol, Mr. May sentenced him to 14 days' hard labour.

GALLANTY ITS OWN REWARD.

Ching Aping, a hawker unemployed, was charged by Inspector Thomson with being found in possession of a fighting iron at night, and being without light or pass. It appears that the Inspector had received information that an old woman at Sheung Hing Lane, Szeypoon, was about to be attacked and robbed by several armed men. The Inspector accordingly kept watch and saw the defendant at the Queen's Road end of the lane, and apprehended him, when the fighting iron alluded to above was found on him.

Defendant stated in defence that he had heard that a man was going to attack his mistress, who resided in a brothel, and he (defendant) therefore got the iron and went to Szeypoon, accompanied by a friend, in order to punish the miscreant, who was about to interfere with the lady.

The lady in question appeared and said she was an inmate of a brothel. The defendant had been a very good friend to her for some years, as had also another man, and she had reason to suspect that this other man intended to give her trouble. The defendant, on hearing this, had promised to assist her.

Defendant was fined \$10 or in default one month's hard labour, and at the expiration of his sentence was ordered to find security in one household \$25 to be of good behaviour for 6 months.

OWNER WANTED.

Leong Fuk Hi, a seaman unemployed, was charged with being found in unlawful possession of an anchor, weighing about 60 catties. Remanded until the 28th instant, in order to find the owner.

TO-DAY'S FINES.

Ho Ayo, and two others, hawking without a license. Fined 10 cents each.

Hi Achong, hawking fowls in the public street. Fined 10 cents.

Wang Amo, hawker, calling out his wares in the public street. Fined 10 cents.

N. A. Tai and four others, boatwomen, stealing fruit at Stone-cutter's Island. Fined 20 cents each.

Chung Abang, hawking fowls without a license. Fined 25 cents.

Li Aon, hawker, fighting in the public street. Fined 50 cents.

Miu Chai, shopman, Bonham Strand West, obstructing the footpath. Fined 50 cents.

Chit Hi Yan, a coolie, fighting in the public streets. Fined 50 cents.

Chung Asan, and another, barbers, fighting in the public streets. Fined 50 cents each.

Un Lin, shopman, 76, Praya West, drying cuttle-fish on Praya West to the obstruction of passengers. Fined \$5.

(Before C. V. Creagh, Esq.)

August 23, 1878.

PUBLIC GAMBLING.

Chung Aping, a tailor, was charged with being connected with a gambling house at No. 3 Gilman's Bazaar.

Inspector Grimes despatched to having landed a party of men and proceeded to the house in question, armed with a warrant signed by the superintendent of Police. The house is a two-story house. When the Inspector got on to the first floor he saw the defendant standing at the head of the stairs. Defendant, the moment he saw the Inspector, called shouting, and at the

same time the trap door at the head of the stairs was dropped; defendant then tried to escape but was arrested by a lokong. It was found impracticable to force open the trap door, which was provided with a spring lock and a bar placed right across it; besides these precautions, a bamboo was made to stand upright between the roof and the trap door which the moment the door closed fell into its position. The sound of men escaping on the roof could be distinctly heard, and when an entry was at length effected, there was every evidence that gambling had been going on. A fan-tan square, 87 cents, 1100 cash, and three tables, one of which was covered with a mat, were discovered, everything being in much disorder as though hurriedly left. The defendant was the only man arrested, and clearly identified as the watchman of the house, by the informer.

The defendant said he went to the house with a friend to get out of the rain. He was a tailor by profession, but had forgotten the name of the shop at which he was employed.

Mr. Creagh fined him \$20 or 2 months' hard labour.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, August 23, 1878.

SIR,—As a very common Juror I thank "Justice" for calling attention to Mr. Hayllar's want of courtesy.

It is not the first time that he has kept Judge and Jury awaiting his pleasure without receiving any reprimand whatever, but then of course it must be remembered that he is a most important "link" or factor in the case before the Court; and besides what judge could reprimand one with manners so bland, demeanour so modest and soft; and that feelings of annoyance would not be soothed by the subtle influence of his oily "seeking."

Yours &c.,

A JUROR.

A Curious Custom.—The *Spectator*, in a recent review of "Robert Raikes, Journalist and Philanthropist," by Alfred Gregory (Hodder and Stoughton), has the following:—

"We notice, as a curious instance of changed manners, that towards the close of the last century it was the custom at Manchester for the chief magistrate of the town, attended by the churchwarden and police officers, to go out of the church while the first lesson was being read, and to compel all persons found in the streets to come into the church or pay a fee, which in the case of persons of the lower class was fixed at half-a-crown."

A CHINIAN SUICIDE.—A Chinaman named Ah Tack is reported by the *Bellarat Courier* to have committed suicide last Wednesday under very singular circumstances. Ah Tack was a hawker, residing at Steiglitz, and thinking a short time ago of returning to the "flowery land" he opened negotiations with a countryman named Hoy Hu for the purchase of his effects and business.

Hoy Hu went about with Ah Tack in order to learn his rounds for nearly six weeks, but at the end of that time the wily Hoy Hu declined to proceed further in the matter, and demanded 10s. per day for the time he had spent with Ah Tack, who very naturally refused his modest request.

Hoy Hu, however, brought the matter before a select committee of Celestials, who decided that Ah Tack should pay him 25s. and informed Mr. Ah Tack that in default he would have no luck in business, that his house would be burned down, and that the first time the devil met him in the bush he would certainly hang him. Ah Tack thereupon, rather than pay the penalty imposed, yesterday, when in Mr. Hollander's shop, served himself with a large helping of opium from a jar containing about 25s. worth of that drug. Mr. Hollander observing him immediately sent for the police, who, on arrival, were obliged to handcuff Ah Tack; for, fearing that he had not swallowed enough poison, he kept sucking his fingers to get off any that might be on them. He was taken to the hospital, where the stomach pump was tried, but owing to the sticky nature of the poison, it proved of no avail, and he died about ten minutes after he was admitted. Ah Tack had no reason to fear poverty should he pay the 25s. for he is known to be the possessor of a house, £300 in cash, and bank deposits to the extent of £1000.

COMMERCIAL.

August 23.

The quiet tone of the market for Bengal Opium, last noted, has since continued. Patai, however, has been dealt in to a pretty fair extent, with but a slight variation in the rate for it. With the near approach of the arrival of the first supply of less old drug, holders of the present stock have more readily met buyers latterly, whereby the rate has weakened for the drug.

The future course of the market for old stock does not promise well, and it is not unlikely a much lower range of price will have to be submitted to. A smaller business has been done in Benares, as compared with that of the previous fortnight, for local requirements. The present quotations are \$624 to \$688 for Patai.

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Ports, Southampton, and  
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THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP  
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PEKIN, Captain W. Woolcott, will  
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PEKING will be despatched for San  
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United States, and Europe.

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A REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER  
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SION.

Freight will be received on board until  
4 p.m., of 23rd instant. Parcel Packages  
will be received at the office until 5 p.m.  
same day; all Parcel Packages should be  
marked to address in full; value of same  
is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland  
Cargo should be sent to the Company's  
Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the  
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

No further information as to Passage  
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 6, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, August 8, 1878.NOTICE.  
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR  
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
POINT DE GALLE,  
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT  
SAID, NAPLES, AND  
MARSSELLS;

Also,  
BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND  
PORT LOUIS.

ON SATURDAY, the 31st August,  
1878, at Noon, the Company's S. S.  
DJEMLAH, Commandant Monge, with  
MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and  
CARGO, will leave this Port for the  
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for  
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-  
cepted in transit through Marseilles for  
the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until  
Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until  
4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m.  
on the 30th August, 1878. (Parcels are  
not to be sent on board; they must be left  
at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-  
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the  
Company's Office.

H. DU POUY,  
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Hongkong, August 21, 1878.Occidental & Oriental Steam-  
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PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED  
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on WEDNESDAY, the 11th September, at  
3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for  
Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with  
Steamers from Shanghai.

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4 p.m. of the 10th September. PARCEL  
PACKAGES will be received at the Office  
until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages  
should be marked to address in full; value  
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A REDUCTION is made on RETURN Pas-  
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No further information as to Freight  
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the  
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G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Singapore, August 16, 1878.

## Intimations.

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SOCIETY OF THE  
UNITED STATES.

HENRY B. HYDE, President.  
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Agents in Hongkong, China, for the  
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Risks at greatly reduced rates and upon  
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REQUISITES, PATENT MEDIC-  
INES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness,  
and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG,  
Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.  
Hongkong, July 18, 1878.

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P H O T O G R A P H E R,  
by appointment, to

H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY,  
H. E. ADMIRAL ALFRED P. BYRDEN,  
and to

H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS  
OF RUSSIA.

THE above has pleasure to inform the  
public of Hongkong that he has ob-  
tained the assistance of Mr. Griffith (for  
many years manager and principal operator  
to Mr. Saunders of Shanghai), and having  
carefully arranged the light of his New  
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NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 88.

CHINA SEA.

PAHOH RIVER—TIENSHIN DISTRICT.

Taku Bar Light.

N O T I C E is hereby given that, on the  
4th instant, a Fixed WHITE LIGHT was  
Exhibited, and will continue to be  
seen, on the China Merchants, Steam  
Navigation Company's Hull "Aden" now  
moored outside the Taku Bar in 17 feet  
low water ordinary spring.

The Light, which is dioptric, is 36 feet  
above the water line, and should be visible  
10 miles on clear nights.

Latitude 38° 53' N.  
Longitude 117° 50' 30" E.

The Red Buoy, which is distant  
3½ miles, bears N. 35° W.

By order of the Inspector General of  
Customs,

GERALD E. WELLESLEY,  
Acting Engineer-in-Chief.

Imperial Maritime Customs,  
Engineer's Office,  
Shanghai, August 12, 1878.

INSURANCES.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above  
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surance at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co.,  
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POLICIES against the Risk of FIRE on  
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ceived, and transmitted to the Directors  
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For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-  
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ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,  
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Hongkong, January 4, 1878.

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ANCE COMPANY.MANCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY OF MANCHESTER  
AND LONDON.THE Undersigned have been appointed  
Agents for the above Company at

Agents in Hongkong, for the above-  
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on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the  
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Attention is invited to a considerable  
reduction in Premium for Life Insurance in  
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THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE  
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JAS. B. GOUGHTRIE,  
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Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSO-  
CIATION.CAPITAL—Fully Paid-up ..... Ta. 420,000  
PERMANENT RESERVE ..... 230,000  
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND ..... 104,000

Total Capital and accumula-  
tions this date ..... Ta. 754,000

Sailing Vessels

Albert ..... 5 h F. Ashton Brit. str.

Anioy ..... 4 c Peters Brit. str.

Bendall ..... 5 c Buchanan Brit. str.

Bombay ..... 5 c Webb Brit. str.

Chusan Hook Khan ..... 2 h O'Farley Amer. str.

City of Peking ..... 6079 Amer. str.

Conquest ..... 317 Brit. str.

Douglas ..... 654 Brit. str.

Fame ..... 684 Brit. str.

Java ..... 117 Brit. str.

Kienchow ..... 2 h Weber Brit. str.

Kilnary ..... 1060 Brit. str.

Malaca ..... 2 h Smith Brit. str.

Mayenne ..... 3 h Yun Chun Yen Anna str.

Monmou ..... 1247 Brit. str.

Namoa ..... 862 Brit. str.

Norma ..... 606 Brit. str.

Olympia ..... 791 Brit. str.

Pekin ..... 2098 Brit. str.

Quarta ..... 5 h Daye Ger. str.

Quinta ..... 874 Brit. str.

Sea Gull ..... 78 Brit. str.

Taiwan ..... 408 Brit. str.

Zambanga ..... 651 Brit. str.

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Albert Russell ..... 762 Amer. bge.

Burges ..... 360 Amer. bge.

Humphrey ..... 1363 Amer. ab.

Alva ..... 631 Amer. ab.

Arabia ..... 1188 Brit. ab.

Athene ..... 605 Brit. bge.

Balcarca ..... 476 Brit. bge.

Benefactor ..... 596 Brit. bge.

Bertie Biglow ..... 1142 Brit. ab.

Bona Portuga ..... 666 Brit. ab.

Bua Ciao ..... 938 Brit. ab.

Bua Pan ..... 574 Brit. ab.

Carl Ritter ..... 596 Brit. ab.

Catherina ..... 344 Brit. ab.

Centennial ..... 1286 Brit. ab.

Ceylon ..... 533 Brit. ab.

Charlote ..... 681 Brit. ab.

Charlotte Andrews ..... 256 Brit. ab.

Corran .....